

Northeast Malakula language

Northeast Malakula, or **Uripiv-Wala-Rano-Atchin**, is a dialect chain spoken on the islands of Uripiv, Wala, Rano, and Atchin and on the mainland opposite to these islands. Uripiv-Wala-Rano-Atchin is spoken today by about 9,000 people. Literacy rate of its speakers in their own language is 10–30%.

Uripiv-Wala-Rano-Atchin forms a dialect chain. The Uripiv dialect is the most southerly of these and has 85% of its words in common with Atchin, the most northerly dialect. Uripiv is spoken on the north-east coast of Malakula.

The Uripiv dialect is one of the few documented languages that use the rare bilabial trill, a feature that is not found in the Atchin dialect.

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Northeast Malakula	
Uripiv-Wala-Rano-Atchin	
Native to	Vanuatu
Region	Malakula
Native speakers	9,000 (2001) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Malayo-Polynesian ▪ Oceanic ▪ Southern Oceanic ▪ Central Vanuatu ▪ Malakula ▪ Eastern ▪ Northeast Malakula
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	upv
Glottolog	urip1239 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/upiv1239) ^[2]

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